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## 1. General

- a. The National Tannery comes under the General Department of Leather, a special section of the Ministry of Light Industry, which deals with all tanneries and shoe factories, and is responsible for production and distribution of semi-finished products as soles and leather and sale of finished goods.
- b. The National Tannery was set up by combining the following factories:
- Bourul (Former tannery for soles and leather)
  - Gralex (Former tannery for soles and leather and factory for military shoes)
  - Apaca (Former Army factory for military shoes)
  - Tabacaria Nationala (Tannery for soles and leather)
- Bourul and Gralex were taken over as a whole (location, machines, and utensils). Apaca provided the National Tannery only with machines and utensils.
- c. The National Tannery is a second rate factory with regard to the quantity of production, as well as to its quality. However, the soles produced are the best in the whole country. A factory of first rate is Dermata at Cluj, now called Herbag Ianos where 5,000 workers are employed.

## 2. Organization and functions of the National Tannery

## a. General Management

General Manager (See appendix 1).  
 Assistant Manager (See appendix 1).  
 Chief Engineer (See appendix 1).  
 The Cadres (See appendix 1).

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b. Section for the Production of Leather

This section is sub-divided into sub-sections, every sub-section having its own workshop.

- a. Upper-leather
- b. Tannery for soles.
- c. Workshops for belts (endless straps).
- d. Workshops for trunks and bags.
- e. Workshops for articles for protection.

c. Section for the production of military shoes and boots.

Contains workshops for the manufacturing of men's and women's shoes and Army boots. There are special workshops for the cutting of soles and leather, for the fitting of the leather parts of shoes on the shoemakers last (form), for assembling and finishing the shoes.

d. Section for Purchases

e. Planning Section

This section has to send monthly reports to the General Department of Leather. The reports are not very exact, they are more or less "dressed up", but the working plan for the factories designed by the General Department of Leather is based on them.

f. Sales Section

This section distributes the semi-finished products (soles and leather) to cooperatives and other factories and is in charge of the sale of the finished products. The General Department of Leather controls the sales and its orders are based on the reports it gets from the Planning Section of the same factory.

g. Financial Section

3. Location and Workers of the National Tannery

- a. Location: Bucharest, Strada Sulzer Nos. 2 and 4.
- b. Office clerks and technicians: 400.
- c. Workers: 2,100, of whom 900 are working in the section for the production of leather and 1200 in the section for the production of military shoes. Recently 200 workers were dismissed, presumably on account of the scarcity of raw materials.

4. Inventory of the National Tannery

a. Section for the production of leather

- (1) 20 drums (moved by electricity and having a capacity of 1,000 kg.).
- (2) six rollers moved by electricity and with a length of time of five minutes required for each hide to pass.
- (3) Two splitting machines, moved by electricity, and with knives cutting very thick hides horizontally.

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- (4) In the Workshop for Chrome Tanning: small drums and rollers for smaller hides, all moved by electricity. One machine for pressing, (air-compressed). The power of compression is five tons.
- (5) In the Workshop for Belts: machines for cutting, rolling and polishing, number, power and make unknown
- (6) Machines for measuring leather.

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b. Section for the manufacturing of shoes

This section contains punching machines for the cutting of soles of all forms, machines for cleaving the leather, shaping machines for shaping the margin of soles and of leather, and all machines necessary for the manufacturing of shoes. Four hundred workers are occupied alone with the cutting of the leather, and about the same number with cutting soles and with other operations of the production.

## 5. Production of the National Tannery

- a. 500 tons of ox-hides are used per month.
- b. 2,000 shoes are manufactured monthly, 80-90 per cent for military purposes.

## 6. Destination of the Production of the National Tannery

a. Semi-finished products

Leather and soles are delivered to other factories or cooperatives for shoe manufacturing.

b. Finished products

Military boots and shoes destined for:

- (1) 80-90 per cent of the production is destined for the Rumanian Military Forces. The factory does not work for the USSR.

Dermata Cluj. Last year both factories sent their products to an exhibition in Moscow. The 400 shoes of the National Tannery were kept and paid for.

- (2) 10-20 per cent of the production - shoes for civilians, males and females - is sent to Contextil, a Government company with stores for distribution of shoes and textiles.

## 7. Sources for Purchase of Raw Materials

The factory gets its raw materials from the Government. The source for these are the following:

a. Ox-hides imported from Argentina

A commission, sent for this purpose by the General Department of Leather stays permanently in Buenos Aires. Its members took their families to Argentina. The most prominent among them is a certain Haimovici, now called Hancu. One simple worker is also a member of this commission in Argentina.

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Recently the relations with Argentina were said to be interrupted.

b. Materials for tanning and dyeing

Imported from Switzerland, especially from the firm Sandoz. This firm has a permanent representative in Rumania for negotiations with the Government. He is a leather manufacturer; his name is Julius Salzman.

c. Chemical materials

Imported from Switzerland. Some of the chemical materials are supplied by Rumanian companies.

- (1) by the factory Phoenix de Baia Mare
- (2) by the factory Mica de Dicio-San-Martin.

8. Workers' Attitude

The factory was a stronghold of the Rumanian Fascist organizations. The few Communists present are mostly party members for material and not ideological reasons. There exists an anti-Semitic atmosphere.

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APPENDIX 1

Name	Office	Description
1. Belgrader	Manager of the Sales Section.	50 years old, medium height.
2. Calciu	Manager of the Purchase Section.	40 years old, blond, medium height.
3. Zissu Goldenberg	Manager of the Planning Section	42-43 years, medium height, blond.
4. Konnert	Chief Production Engineer.	40 years, medium height, blond.
5. Mihalic	General Manager.	37 years, small and stout, blond.
6. Poleopol	Assistant Manager	45 years, medium height.
7. Julius Salzman	Permanent representative of the Swiss firm Sandoz in Rumania.	

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Plan of the National Tannery/(Tabacaria Nationala).

1. Calea Vacaresti (Large artery through Bucharest.)
2. Tramway Station (Called Virginia).
3. Dambovita (River passing through the town Bucharest).
4. Small Bridge for Pedestrians.
5. Principal entrance to the National Tannery.
6. Buildings (4) of the former factory Gralex.
7. Location of the Administration.
8. Building in state of construction.
9. Splaful Unirii.
10. Strada Sulzer.
11. Location of the former factory Bourul.
12. Entrance for trucks and cars.
13. Strada Tabacarii.
14. Location of the former factory Tabacaria Nationala.

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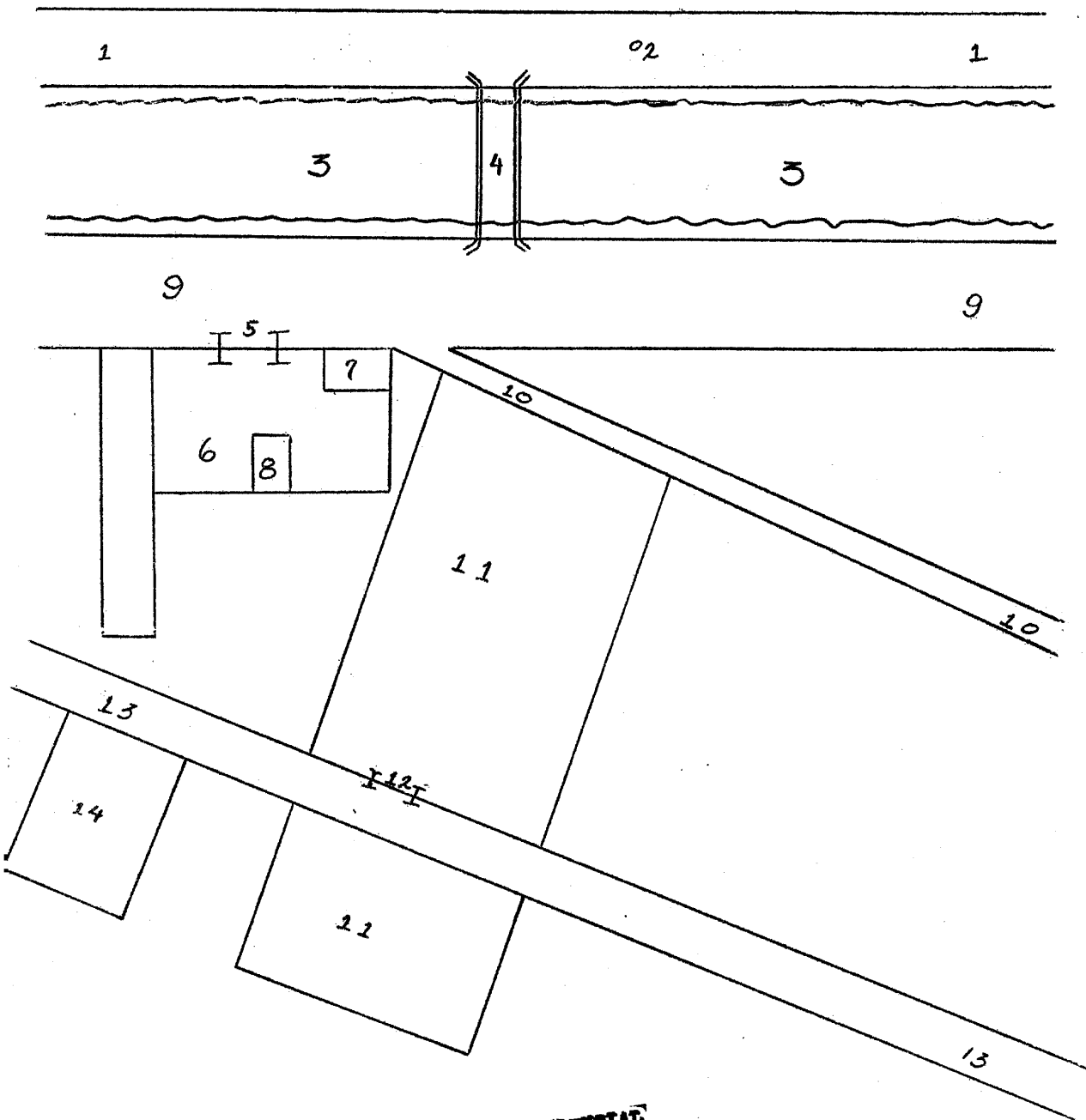
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